

100-1000

To the New York Public Library
From the estate of Robinson Murphy,
Mrs. Norman died Coburn Co. No. 100.
C. Lawrence Hayward

July 1925

FAMILY HISTORY OF LUCY CROCKER.

Gathered together by her descendant,

Mrs. Jeannette Robinson Murphy.

In the work entitled, "THE LIFE AND SAMUEL JONES TILDEN" By John Biglow, there is a supplement by the great statesman himself. Mr. Biglow uses the copious notes which Mr. Tilden had collected about his family history. These notes, together with his researches in England concerning the origin of the Tilden name, are printed just as he left them. In this portion of the work, Volume first, page 318, Mr. Tilden says:--

"A knowledge of one's descent from a line of virtuous and honourable and reputable ancestors, who performed worthily their part in their day and generation, and who enjoyed the esteem of their contemporaries, is an incentive to emulate their example.

That a heredity in mental and moral as well as in physical capabilities and qualities exists, at least as a tendency, has been recognized in all ages, though the laws by which it is governed have never been ascertained."

John Adams, the second President of the United States cared so much for his ancestry, that he erected to the memory of Henry Adams, the Pioneer, a Granite ^(monument) ~~monument~~ at Quincy, Massachusetts. His line of descent was Henry, ¹, Joseph ², Joseph ³, Deacon John ⁴, John ⁵, John ⁶, the 2nd President)

Upon this monument he placed this inscription:

"In memory of Henry Adams, who took his flight from the Dragon Persecution in Devonshire, England and alighted with eight sons near Mt. Wallaston. One

One of the sons returned to England , after taking time to explore the country, four removed to Medfield, and two to Chelmsford. One, only, Joseph, who lies at his left hand, remained here.

An original Proprietor in the township of Braintree, incorporated 1639.

This stone and several others have been placed in this ^{year} by a great, great grandson from a veneration of the piety, humility, sympathy, patience, temperance, frugality, industry, and perseverance of his ancestors, in hope of recommending an emulation of their virtues to his posterity."

It means much to have ~~had~~ the privilege of being descended from lines of God-fearing and God-serving ancestors-- from men and women who chose their mates wisely, looking both backward and forward-- men and women who took their life partners, with judgement and an ever-abiding respect for their honour, pure goodness and deep piety.

Those people who ~~care~~ nothing for their forebears are apt to ~~be~~ among those who choose their wives and husbands hurriedly and without wisdom.

(to-day)
In the general letting down of morals, [^] it would appear as if the number of those who care nothing for their ancestry or their posterity, is on the increase. It might rightfully be claimed ~~to-day~~ that we breed dogs as carefully as if they were human beings and we breed human beings as carelessly as if they were dogs !

Mr. Emerson, I think it was Mr. Emerson, said, "The man who cares nothing for his ancestry will not ever do anything of which his posterity may be proud."

In this Crocker family, there have been great numbers who were devout men and women, standing high in their communities and ^(there are some bearing the name to-day) who ~~occupy~~ occupy positions of trust and honor-- secured not by political pull and chicanery but by real honesty and worth and merit.

FAMILY HISTORY OF LUCY CROCKER

Taken down from Original Records at Lebanon, Norwich, New London, Franklin, Lyme--in--Hamburg, Bozrah, Columbia (now the records are at Hartford) Willimantic, Connecticut during the summer of 1924.

THOMAS CROCKER

Thomas Crocker, b. about 1633 at -----, d. January 18, 1716, m. 1667, Miss Rachel Chappell (George Chappell) at New London, b. October 10, 1649 at Wethersfield, Connecticut, d. August 17, 1728.

Their children were (Birth Records at New London.)

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|-------|-----|-------|------------|-------|-----|------|
| Mary | b. | March | 4, | 1669. | Christened | April | 2, | 1671 |
| Thomas | b. | Sept. | 1, | 1670, | " | " | " | " |
| John | b. | | | 1672. | " | " | 21, | 1672 |
| William | b. | Jan. | 10, | 1675. | Died | young | | |
| <u>SAMUEL</u> | b. | July | 27, | 1676. | Christened | Sept. | 10, | 1676 |
| William | b. | | | 1680. | " | May | 8, | 1680 |
| Andrew | b. | | | 1683. | " | April | 1, | 1683 |

MARRIAGES

"Record of Marriages, commencing March 31, 1697, containing the names of persons who were married by me. Gurdon Saltonstall."

"April 8, 1697, Thomas Crocker, son of Thomas Crocker of New London, in Connecticut, was married by me to Mary Carpenter of ye same place."

"May 22, 1706/7, William Crocker and Sarah Keeney."

The above dates of Marriages and Christenings were taken from the ancient Record Book of The First Congregational Church of New London. This ancient book is preserved in the Vault of a National Bank at New London, Connecticut.

MARRIAGES CONTINUED

"Andrew ^MCrocker Married to Sarah Leach (Thomas) Sept. 10, 1706."

(Record is in the Office of the Town Clerk of New London)

"Samuel Crocker, m. to Hannah Wolcott, Dec. 1697,

(Record found in Norwich Vital Records-printed Book)

NOTES

A family tradition has it that THOMAS CROCKER, came to New London from Scituate, Massachusetts. He is mentioned in Letters Patent granted to Settlers in Connecticut in 1663. He is a Constable in 1694. He is spoken of by Dr. Baker in History of Montville, Conn.; By Mr. Joshua Hempstead in his famous Diary of New London; by Mr. R.R. Hinman by James Savage, Miss Frances E. Caulkins and others.

A Captain George Crocker of Norwich, states that he has heard that six Crocker brothers came from England to Massachusetts. Also he was told that a Mr. Denison once made an exhaustive research into the antecedents of the Crocker family. This record can not be found. The graves of Mr. Thomas Crocker and his wife Rachel Chappell have not been located.

In the record of the First Congregational Church of New London, there is this citation: "Mary and Thomas, children of Thomas and Rachel Crocker, are brought by Gudewife Crocker for baptism, April 2, 1671. p.6.

In the History of the Crocker Family, left unfinished by Miss Frances E. Caulkins, there is a great deal of data about the Crockers. There are erasures and some of it is done in pencil, showing that Miss Caulkins ^{was} going to revise it. This record is in the possession of the Historical Society of New London and is not quoted here except in two or three instances, where credit is given to the noted historian.

NOTES CONTINUED

Miss Caulkins left many manuscripts, regarding the ancient families of Connecticut and Massachusetts. These records are also owned by the Historical Society of New London.

SAMUEL CROCKER

Samuel Crocker, b. July 27, 1676, at New London, d. "August ye 27, 1745" (Inv. of his estate at Willimantic), See Will Book No. 3, pp. 368--9, 370--1, Court held, Sept. ye 25, 1745) m. 1697, Miss Hannah Wolcott.

They have children: (Norwich Printed Records, unless noted)

| | | |
|-------------|---------------------|---|
| Samuel | b. Sept. 30, 1698 . | m. May 25, 1720, Miss ^{Martha} Jemima (French--Franklin ^m Records) |
| <u>JOHN</u> | b. Jan. 6, 1700. | m. Dec. 5, 1722, Miss Elizabeth Champion. Died Oct. 22, 1768 (Death Record from Lebanon) |
| Jabez | b. Aug. 31, 1702. | m. Feb. 25, 1724, Miss Ruth (Hazen--Franklin ^m Record) |
| Hannah | b. Aug. 12, 1705. | m. Dec. 6, 1727, Mr. Daniel (Denison---Franklin ^m Record-- (Also Willimantic Town Records |
| Martha | b. " " " | d. June 26, 1720. |
| Elizabeth | b. Aug. 1, 1715. | m. May 20, 1735, Mr. Joshua (Pettes--Franklin ^m Records) |
| Zerviah | b. June 20, 1717. | m. June 21, 1737, Mr. Joseph (Hastings--Franklin ^m Record. (her tombstone record at Franklin is d. Dec. 20, 1787) |

p. 361

The above records of Marriages are found in the ancient Book of the "West Farms Society"--a Franklin Church formed in the year 1718. This priceless record is in the custody of Hon. George Beckwith, who lives on the old "Crocker Hill"--which was part of the old home place of Samuel Crocker. The spot where his house stood--the home he gave to his daughter Zerviah--is still pointed out--- the

still standing-part way down the hill--and occupied, is a very ancient one and may be the very house built by Samuel Crocker and often mentioned by Dr. Ashbell Woodward in his history of Franklin and by Mr. Joshua Hempstead. The old deed gives the name of Hastings as the Grantor. In this marriage record (page 361) of the (1818) "West Farms Society" the minister officiating is Rev. Henry Willes, "Pastor of ye Second Church in Norwich". This is rather mystifying as the 1713 Church at West Farms is the first to split off from the parent Church in Norwich but perhaps as they came together, it was called the Second Church, the larger absorbing the smaller one.

The record of John Crocker's marriage may be in Lyme as his wife, Elizabeth Champion (Thomas, Henry) came from that village. The ancient records are in the custody of Hon. Mr. Marvin, the Probate Judge residing in what is called "Lyme-in-Hamburg, Connecticut."

Record in Office of the Town Clerk, Hon. Mr. Denton, Willimantic (Original)

These records have been carefully copied and indexed.

Hannah Crocker, daughter of Samuel, m. Dec. 6, 1727, Daniel Denison.

Their children were :

Elizabeth b. Sept. 5, 1728;
Daniel b. Dec. 5, 1730
Hannah b. Feb. 22, 1731/2

Franklin Church (1718) Record of Christenings.

Children of Joseph Hastings and Zerviah Crocker :

Zerviah Hastings bpt. May 14, 1838. Other children mentioned are Elizabeth; Lois; Zipporah (not in correct order)

Children of Joshua Pettes and Elizabeth Crocker:

Samuel Pettes bpt. June 24, 1744
Margaret " " May 25, 1740
Rhoda " " Apr. 13, 1740

The graves of Zerviah Crocker and Joseph Hastings are marked by well preserved stones at "The Plain Burying Ground" in Franklin, Connecticut.

NOTES ABOUT SAMUEL CROCKER

Smauel Crocker and wife, Hannah Wolcot (called Woolcot) move from Norwich to "West Farms"-now Franklin, Connecticut about the year 1700. He acquires considerable wealth and much land. His estate was called "Crocker Hill" ^(Mr) Joshua Hemstead often speaks of being entertained at the home of Samuel Crocker and Hannah Crocker.

Samuel Crocker was a Selectman in 1722. His grave and that of his wife may be in some remote corner of this large hill, or they may sleep in that first cemetery at Franklin, which is situated at the back of Mr. Holden's place. They may rest in the ancient "Plain" where hundreds of stones are no longer decipherable, and, as many more have sunk out of sight. By searching further, these graves may yet be discovered.

The inventory says "Samuel Crocker, Cate of Windham!"

Samuel Crocker ~~was~~ a very highly respected man and quite important in his day and generation. In 1716, the West Farms "The Second Society" emerged from the parent church at Norwichtown. Samuel Crocker is often chosen to be Moderator of this New Society (Church) and he is appointed on many important committees and missions to the General Assembly. The priceless record of this little Church is to be found in the custody of Hon. Benjamin Davis--Town Clerk of Franklin, Connecticut

The records of the very first church of Norwichtown are kept in a vault down in the basement of a Bank in Norwich proper.

These ancient records show that Samuel Crocker and his wife Hannah were members of this church.

The records of the Franklin Church (1718--in charge of Hon. George Beckwith) show that Mrs. Samuel Crocker and some Miss Martha Wolcot unite with the new Church at Franklin upon Profession of Faith.

(Hannah's son John, names his oldest child SIMON, and the name Simon continues in the family, so it may be that Hannah Wolcot was the dau. of Simon Wolcot of Windsor, as several of his children have never been recorded at Windsor or at East Windsor. She and Martha may come from Savbrook, Connecticut.)

John Crocker, b. Jan. 6, 1700, d. Oct. 22, 1768 (Ancient Lebanon Town Records) m. Miss Elizabeth Champion, (Thomas, Henry) on Dec. 5, 1722-(Norwich Vital, Printed Records) She was b. July 1, 1699,-- (Lyne-in-Hamburg records) D. February 18, 1768 (Lebanon ancient Record
Their children were: (Norwich Vital Records --Printed) p. 92.

SIMON b. 15 day of Sept. 1723

Elizabeth b. 14 " " Aug. 1725

Phoebe b. 24 " " July 1727

Page 144--same records.

Samuel. b. 30 " " March 1729

John b. 8 " " June 1731

Adonijah b. 25 " " Aug. 1733---d. young.

Champion b. 12 " " Nov. 1735----d. March 30, 1737

Luce b. 24 " " Nov. 1737

Lebanon Ancient Town Records (Original)

Mary b. (failed to copy this)

Adonijah b. 24 " " Oct. 1743---d. June 1, 1813, aged 70

From Ancient Record of the Franklin Church (Custody of Hon. G. Beckwith)

Lucy
Crocker bpt. 4 Day of Dec. 1737

Adonijah " 24 " " Feb. 1748

Mary " 28 " " Feb. 1742

Champion " 23 " " Nov. 1735

These are given as the children of John and Elizabeth Crocker

In his Diary, Mr. Joshua Hempstead speaks of MARY, the child of John Crocker, being christened on June 1, 1740--Sunday. In the old record of the 1st Cong. Church of New London there is this entry, page 32:

John Crocker's child, Mary, June 1, 1740- also on same page is mentioned as being christened same day--Richard Leech's child, Rhoda. ~~which goes to show, that John had two children named Mary.~~

However this christening refers to another John Crocker altogether- it is Mary the daughter of a New London John Crocker. ^(Mr.) Joshua Hempstead gets his information from page 37, of the 1st. Cong Church Records of New London. "John Crocker's child Mary, June 1, 1740, also ~~the~~ Richard Leech's child Rhoda, June 1, 1740 on Sunday. "

Marriages of the children of John Crocker (Samuel, Thomas) *Lebanon Records*

Adonijah Crocker m. Oct. 6, 1768, Miss Elizabeth Eels
 Lucy " m. Dec. 9, 1766, Mr. Elijah Jeans
 Phoebe " m. Nov. 1, 1748, Mr. Nathan Richards.

Original Lebanon Town Records :

SIMON " m. Dec. 29, 1757, Miss Esther Richardson
 (daughter of Mr. Ebenezer Richard.
 (son and Elizabeth Kinrick or
 (Kendrick of Woburn, Massachusetts

NOTES ABOUT JOHN CROCKER.

John Crocker's will is at Willimantic Court House. In the custody of the Probate Judge, Otis Robinson. Windham County Records, Book of Wills Number 7, pp. 456--462. John Crocker lived at a place called "Village Hill", then a part of Lebanon "Town". He and his wife Elizabeth were probably buried at Liberty Hill or "Scoville Burying Ground", or at "Larks" or old Trumbull"--all of them part of Lebanon at that time. Their graves have not yet been located. John Crocker is admitted to the Franklin Church (1718) on a profession of faith in Christ, in the year 1727.

 26 years ago, upon her own initiative, Mrs. Charles Abell of Lebanon, copied off every readable inscription from the stones in all of the ancient graveyards around Lebanon, including the remote "Columbia" and "Scoville"

Many of these letterings have now become wholly or partly obliterated by cruel time. Others may still be faintly seen, but are fast disappearing. Many stones in "Trumbull" yet plainly to be read, are not recorded in certain printed lists of this cemetery. These inscriptions may be purchased from the Town Clerk at Lebanon @ 50 ¢ each.

S I M O N C R O C K E R , S O N O F J O H N C R O C K E R

SIMON CROCKER, b. September 15, 1725, died January 1, 1799 (at Lebanon, Connecticut) m. September 29, 1757, Miss Esther Richardson, b. April 25, 1728, d. Dec. 27, 1805 (Their tombstones are in good condition, in the old "Trumbull" cemetery in Lebanon, on the road to Norwich, Connecticut.

(of births & marriages)

They had these children: Original Town Records of Lebanon.

Record of Christenings, from 1st. Cong Church Record--Lebanon

| | | | | | |
|-------------|----|-----------|-------|------------|------------------|
| <u>Lucy</u> | b. | March 11, | 1759, | Christened | Sept. 2, 1759 |
| Esther | b. | May 27, | 1761, | " | June 14, 1761 |
| John | b. | June 29, | 1764, | " | Feb. 12, 1764--5 |
| Molly | b. | Nov. 11, | 1767, | " | Feb. 14, 1768. |

Marriages

Lucy m. **Sept. 12,** 1781, Mr. Dan Sprague of Lebanon

Esther m. ----- (did not copy this) Mr. Benoni Loomis

John m. ----- (" " " ") Amelia Allen (Amos, Jr.)

Molly m. May 6, 1794, Mr. Gershom Dorrance .

(The tombstones of Esther and Benoni Loomis are at "Columbia"

(The tombstones of "Molly" & Mr. Dorrance are also at "Columbia".

(Lucy is buried at Castile, New York)

(John's grave could not be found)

N O T E S A B O U T S I M O N C R O C K E R

The Connecticut census of 1790 gives Simon Crocker as having under his roof-tree, 3 "males" 3 "females", no slaves.

Simon Crocker made a will 23rd Dec. 1797. This is recorded In Book 14, *(at Willmantic, Conn.)* pp. 247--50. He leaves money to each child, also pieces of furniture. ~~To~~ To Lucy Crocker the wife of Dan Sprague, he bequeaths a chest.

Polly Sprague (daughter of Lucy Crocker and Dan Sprague) m. Mr. Philo Gibbs. She brought her mother's handsomely carved Mahogany "Highboy" to her home in Homer, Michigan. At her death, years ago in Homer, it

came into the possession of her daughter Lucy. At Lucy's death, this most beautiful "Highboy" was sold to strangers-although Lucy had given it, with a lovely "High-Posted" ancient Bedstead, to a descendant of Lucy (Crocker) Sprague. Efforts are now being made to trace the whereabouts of these two valued heirlooms.

An error concerning the first name of the wife of Simon Crocker, keeps cropping out at every turn. This false record states that Simon m. Elizabeth Richardson. He did not, but assuredly married her sister Esther. Here are Proofs, 1---2---&---3

(1) The wealthy Ebenezer Richardson and wife Elizabeth Kendrick, AND a list of all the births and marriages of their children, are given in the Ancient Lebanon Town Records. This record says that Elizabeth married Samuel Fuller and that Esther married Simon Crocker.

(However there is a line in an old record at Lebanon which says, as if (in a joking way, "Simon says he married Elizabeth" But under the long list of the children of Ebenezer and Elizabeth, the marriage of each child is given, after the birth date.

(2) Here is the copy of the tombstones--well preserved at "Trumbull" Burying Ground at Lebanon, with pictures of the stones.

In memory of Mr. Simon Crocker, who died January 1, 1799, in ye 70th year of his age.

In memory of Mrs. Esther wife of Simon Crocker who died Dec. 27, 1805, in the 78th year of her age.

The headstone of Mr. Simon Crocker was falling down. It has now been cemented afresh. The old brimstone had given out. Footstone is intact.



(3) As a further proof and an irrefragible one-- there stands the will of Ebenezer Richardson, which I discovered at Willimantic among the ancient "Windham County" Probate Records.

Will Book, 5, pp 342 and 328 & 171--2--years, 1755--1760

Probate Special Book 2, pp...66 & 132.--Years, 1744--;756

The will is drawn, March 4, 1756, before the daughter Esther marries Simon Crocker. Ebenezer mentions his wife Elizabeth, two sons--Ebenezer and Eleazer, and four daughters:

Sarah Bennett;

Elizabeth Fuller

Margaret Fuller and

Esther Richardson. "Esther is to have as much of my personal estate as to make her equal with what her three sisters have had of my estate--that are already married." The will is shown by the Relict, Mrs. Elizabeth and her sons, Ebenezer and Eleazer, and by Henchman Bennett and Sarah, his wife; Samuel Fuller and Elizabeth, his wife; Joshua Fuller and Margaret Fuller, his wife, etc"

Ebenezer and Eleazer receive land on Chestnut Hill (There is such a place by that name near to Lebanon, at this present time) on the west and the East side of the Hartford Road, respectively. Esther receives nine acres adjoining the lands of Eleazer, who apparently gets the lion's share of the estate. He receives houses and barns and orchard, etc.

Volume 5 (Wills) page 342 states that on the 10th of March, 1757, Samuel Fuller, the executor, received receipts in full from all of the heirs who thus declare that they have had their shares in full.

So this ends that oft repeated error (See the Lebanon records at Hartford about the wife of Simon Crocker being named Elizabeth Richardson. This old record should be rectified ~~in some way~~ at its source.)

The above Lebanon record, in custody of Hon. Charles Abell at Lebanon, gives the marriage of Ebenezer Richardson of Woburn as having taken place

January 14, 1718. He died May 18, 1756. ~~Elizabeth, his wife d. May 18, 1756.~~ Their tombstones are well preserved at "Columbia" near Lebanon.

MISS LUCY A. CROCKER

LUCY CROCKER⁵, (Simon⁴, John³, Samuel², Thomas¹) born March 11, 1759, died November 11, 1802 at Castile, New York, m. 12 December 1781, Dan Sprague (of Lebanon) b. May 29, 1758 at Lebanon, Connecticut, d. Castile, New York--maybe at Livonia) on ~~Danham~~ Sept. 15, 1840. Dan Sprague m. (2) Miss Polly Dunham, April-----1809.

An old record at Hartford, Connecticut speaks of a Dan Sprague marrying a Miss Mary Collins of Columbia, on May 15, 1834 and that the marriage was performed by Rev. David Dickinson at Covington, New York. Dan Sprague came from the Pilgrim, Francis Sprague of Plymouth, Mass. Dan Sprague, with his first wife, Lucy Crocker, was admitted to the membership of the old 1st. Cong. Church at ~~Lebanon~~ Columbia, in Lebanon in August, 1794. This church was often spoken of as "ye Crank" also as (The brothers and sisters of Dan Sprague, are) "The North Parish Church". ~~any brothers~~ probably buried there, as the tombstones of his father William Sprague and mother, Elizabeth--- ate in this cemetery at Columbia and well preserved. No trace of the graves of any by the name of Crocker, could be found at Columbia.) For an account of the Revolutionary services of Dan Sprague--he served for a short while--see "Family History of Dan Sprague"

Mr. Dan Sprague and Lucy Crocker have these children:

William, b. Sept. 12, 1784----No record of him or his children
Cynthia b. March 12, 1787-7--d. Sept. 20, 1884 at Pearl Creek, N.Y.

m. 4. Dec. 1803, Mr. Samuel Parks (Elijah)
 Their descendants live around Pearl Creek
 & Castile and in the South and West--some
 live in Michigan.

Polly b. July 17, 1789---m. Mr. Philo Gibbs, died-----? left 3
 children: Volney who m. and had one son
 Joseph, an actor who d. several years ago
 Philo; and daughter Lucy, who did not
 marry. Philo died a bachelor. Joseph
 m. a Miss Mary-----? Joseph left no
 children. -----

James Sprague, was a very
learned and prominent man.
He was one of the first
Associate Justices of
Wyoming County, New York.

Chauncy b. -----? d. at Warsaw or at Covington
New York.

Eliza b. July 15, 1801 m. Mr. Ebenezer Knapp.
They lived and died at
Jackson, Michigan .

In the History of Wyoming County, New York, there is mention of

Mr. Dan Sprague and his wife and children. Beers and Co., are the Publishers of this History, ~~of Wyoming County, New York.~~
There is also some mention made of some ~~of the Crocker~~ Crocker Family. Family traditions state that some of the "Crocker", went to New York State years ago and then to Michigan, and that the name is still handed down- in a straight line from Thos. Crocker.

B O O K S O F R E F E R E N C E .

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Diary of New London, Connecticut. | by Joshua | Hemstead |
| History of New London County, | " D. H. | Hurd |
| History of Montville, Connecticut | " Dr. | Baker |
| History of New London, Connecticut | " Frances E. | Caulkins |
| History of Norwich, Connecticut | " Frances E. | Caulkins |
| History of Franklin, Connecticut | " Ashbel | Woodward, M.D. |
| Early Lebanon, Connecticut | " Orlo | Hine |
| History of Wyoming County, N.Y. | " Beers | and Company |
| Genealogical Dictionary | " James | Savage |
| Notes on Barnstable Families | " Reprint | Otis Papers |
| Early Puritan Settlers | " R. R. | Hinman |
| Catalogue of Puritan Settlers | " R. R. | Hinman |

Connecticut Men In The Revolution

Partial Record of the Inscriptions in the "Trumbull" Burying
Ground at Lebanon, To be found in N.E. Hist. & Gen. Register
Volume 74.

The Account Book of Thomas Newcomb-to be found in the N.E.Hist. &
Genealogical Register, Volume 21, p. 297.

Sermon Delivered at the 150th Anniversary of the First
Congregational Church in Lebanon, Connecticut.

Books of Reference, Continued

| | | | |
|---|----|------------------------|--------------|
| History of Torrington, Connecticut. | by | Samuel Orcutt, | 1878 |
| History of Town of Goshen Conn. | " | Augustine G. Hibbard, | 1897 |
| History of Old Town of Stratford and Bridgeport, Conn. | " | Samuel Orcutt, | 1886 |
| History of Town of Stonington, | " | Richard Anson Wheeler | 1900 |
| Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, | " | Henry Bond | 1855 |
| History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor, Conn. 1635---1891 Two Volumes. | " | Henry Reed Stiles | 1892 |
| History of Ancient Wethersfield, Conn. and other towns formerly within its bounderies. 2 Vols. | " | Sherman Wolcott Adams- | 1904 |
| Ancient Wethersfield. | " | Henry Reed Stiles. | |
| General New England Notes. | " | Goodwin | |
| Early Connecticut Marriages. | " | Bayley | |
| Genealogical and Family History of Connecticut. | " | | |
| American Ancestry | " | | |
| Vital Records of Norwich, Vols 1 & 2 | | | |
| History of Windham County, Conn. | " | | |
| Lebanon War Office | | | |
| Rate Bill for North Lebanon, N.E. Hist. & Gen. Register, Vol. 20, pp. 45---47 | | | |
| Society of Colonial Wars. Index to ancestors & Honour Roll----- | | | 1922 |
| General Register | " | Farmer | |
| Sketches of Lebanon, as found in the N.E. Hist. & Gen. Register | | | |
| American General Armory. | | | |
| Old Families of Norwich, Connecticut | " | Mary E. | Perkins. |
| Journal | " | John | Winthrop |
| Genealogical Register of Puritan -----Settlers----- | " | Abner | Morse (Rev.) |

ANCIENT CHURCH AND TOWN RECORDS (ORIGINALS)

The ancient and original Records kept by the Church which first split off from the First Congregational Church at Norwich, Connecticut, is still in existence. The paper is yellow with age and fast going to pieces. This church was called "West Farms Society" and also titled, "Ye Second Society". The first paragraph ~~read thus~~; *begin thus:*

"Nov, ye first Day, 1716 Church Clerk---John Hyde (1st Meeting) etc
Meeting of West Society of Norwich, April 25,--1720, Mr. David Hartshorn is chosen to be Moderator---voted by ye Society to prepare a petition to ye General Assembly in May Next----- all ye lands improved, lying within ye limits of ye Society--pd. Assessed in all Public charges to ye Society-----ye Society made choice of Mr. SAMUEL CROCKER to represent ye Society at ye General Assembly to manage their position."

Meetings were held every week or so regularly. At a meeting held November 9th 1741, by a vote of said Society--Joseph Dounen, Jun^r, Mr. John Crocker; Mr. Joseph Bingham and Mr. Abner Hyde, were chosen a Committee to take care of a School in and for said Society for ye year Insuing."

In many of these meetings, MR. SAMUEL CROCKER holds a most important position on Committees, etc, and is often chosen to be the Moderator of the Meeting .

This whole book is a mine of information for New England Histori~~ans~~. It should be treated to the wonderful Emory Process at Taunton, Mass., and copied at the same time and the copies placed in many libraries . The original is now in the hands of the Town Clerk of Franklin, Hon. Benjamin Davis, Franklin, Connecticut.

Since the church formed in Franklin in the year 1718 united with this one, formed in 1716, it is singular that the 1716 church continues to hold its separate meetings for so many years afterwards.

Ancient Records

"Second Church in Franklin,----- Meeting was organized, January 4, 1718, by the Adoption of the First Confession of the Articles of Faith, which Confession was signed by :

Rev. Henry Welles; Dan Hartshorn; Nath Budd; Joseph Kingsley;
Thomas Hazen; Samuel Edgerton; Samuel Ladd; & Joseph King, Jun^r

The Church (1716) which first split off from the First Congregational Church in Norwich, Connecticut, after so long petitioning in vain to be turned loose from the parent stem, afterwards unites with this 1718 Church. The Minutes of this "SECOND CHURCH IN FRANKLIN", state that it is known that this First Society formed in Franklin, had existed at least a year--"For from their records, we learn that they held a Meeting--probably the first--- November 1, 1716."

The first meetings of this 1718 Church were held in a barn which belonged to Mr. Benjamin Peck. In the year 1721, the Church agreed to buy one quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of an acre of ground from Mr. Benj. Peck, for a Burial Place.

(This Burial place, was up on a hill and is to be seen at this date, on the land belonging to Mr. Holden of Franklin.)

This record, though showing the effects of age, is still quite readable -----

Marriages Recorded in this 1718 Church Book-Franklin.

| | | | |
|----------|-----------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Page 381 | William Crocker | and | Sybil Lathrop, May 17, 1787 |
| | Asa Crocker | " | Lois Crocker, May 21, 1791 |
| | John Crocker | " | Anne Gardner, Feb. 1, 1797 |
| | | | (she is a widow, Mrs. Anne Gardner) |

D E A T H R E C O R D S , S A M E B O O K .

| | | | | |
|--------------|----------|----|------|---------------------------------------|
| Mrs. Zerviah | Hastings | d. | Dec. | 20, 1787 |
| Joseph | Hastings | " | Dec. | 10, 1787 <i>ps. 18.</i> |
| Asa | Crocker | " | July | 31, 1816, aged 78 years <i>ps. 4.</i> |
| Adonijah | Crocker | " | June | 1, 1813, aged 69 years. |

(Continued)

ANCIENT RECORDS. Franklin, Connecticut.

Page 441.

| | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------------|------|-----------|-------|------|---------------|
| Dan | Hastings, | Died | Dec. 22, | 1817, | aged | 58 years. |
| Lois | Hastings, | Died | Sept. 23, | 1820, | aged | 75 years |
| Sophia (Mrs.) | Hastings, | " | Aug. 19, | 1821, | " | 30 " |
| Eleza (Mrs.) | Crocker | " | Oct. 31, | 1826, | " | 78 " |
| Hannah | Crocker | " | Jan. 31, | 1826, | " | 47 " |
| Elizabeth | Crocker | " | April 1, | 1831, | " | (did not copy |

Births and Baptisms and ChristeningsFour children of John Crocker, already cited.

| | | | |
|---------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| Irene Crocker | b. or bpt. | April 14, | 173--? |
| Ezekiel " | " " " | April 8, | 1736 |
| Ruth Crocker | " " " | March 17, | 183--- |

The record is given of many births and christenings of the children of the Hastings, ~~and~~ Pettes, Woodworths, Hydes, Tracey, Huntington, Beckwith and other families, in this ancient book.

MarriagesThe children of Samuel Crocker, and their marriages, already cited.-----
C H U R C H M E M B E R S , & H O W A D M I T T E D

Page 25

| | | | | | |
|---------------|----------|------|----------|---------|---|
| Mrs. (Samuel) | Crocker, | adm. | Nov. | 1719--- | by profession |
| Martha | Woolcot | " | July 25, | 1724 | " " |
| John | Crocker | " | Sept. 1, | 1728 | " " |
| Mrs. (Ruth) | Crocker | " | Feb. 21, | 1731 | " " |
| Mrs. (Eliza) | Crocker | " | Sept. 3, | 1815 | [Letter from (Lebanon, d. (Oct. 31, 1826 (aged 78 years) |
| Lois | Hastings | " | Oct. | 1815 | " ", d. 23 Sept 1820, aged 75 yrs |
| Elizabeth | Crocker | " | May 6, | 1821 | " " |
| Lucy | Crocker | " | " " " | " " | " " |

(Continued)

Ancient Records, Franklin, Connecticut.CHURCH MEMBERS AND HOW ADMITTED, CONTINUED.

Charlotte
(Wadsworth) Crocker adm. May 6, 1821, by profession

Rosamond Crocker " ---- 13, 1830, " "

(Granted Letts & Rockwells N.Y.)

Note. The distinguished Physician and Historian of Connecticut is also a member of this little Church: He joined on profession of Faith
Ashbel Woodward adm. July 3, 1831- d. Dec. 20, 1885,

aged 81 yrs.

His body is waiting in "The Plain Burying Ground" at Franklin.

The record of the birth of his son, Richard, is also in this Church Book.

Prof. Richard William Woodward-the noted Botanist, resides in the old, old homestead at Franklin. See History of this church and its people in order to visualize the days of Long ago. "History of Franklin, Connecticut" by Ashbel Woodward, M.D.

FRANKLIN TOWN RECORDS. Deaths

In custody of Hon. Benj. Davis, Town Clerk, Franklin.

Pages 97--99

| | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|------|-----------------|---------------|
| Ezekiel | Crocker | Died | April 15, 1810, | aged 74 years |
| Sarah (relict) | Crocker | " | June 14, 1811, | " 70 years |
| Esther (relict) (Levi) | Deans | " | Jan 22, 1842,? | " 69 years |

(Note)--Esther was the daughter of Mr. Ezekial Crocker and wife Sarah)

Levi Deans " Sept. 16, 1807 " 49 years

Mrs. (Joshua) Wadsworth " Oct. 25, 1795 " -----

(Note)-- *Hannah* Mrs. Wadsworth was the daughter of Ezekial Crocker and

(Sarah Spencer and late the wife of Joshua Wadsworth)

(Continued)

ANCIENT RECORDS.FRANKLIN TOWN RECORDS. DEATHS.

Page 47

Sarah Crocker d. June 13, 1811.

(She was the widow of Ezekiel Crocker--before mentioned)

MARRIAGES. Page 47Ezekiel Crocker, ^{of Haddam} and Sarah Spencer of East Haddam, were

married together, Dec. 19, 1759. Their children are thus given:

| | | | |
|---------|---------|----|---|
| Hannah | Crocker | b. | Feb. 22, 1761 |
| Charles | " | b. | July 8, 1762---d. July 31, 1762 |
| Dyer | " | b. | Sept. 15, 1763 |
| Lydia | " | b. | Dec. 18, 1765 |
| Sarah | " | b. | Oct. 2, 1768 |
| Lois | " | b. | Aug. 29, 1770 (No <u>father</u> given here) |

DEATHS -----Continued, Page 99

| | | | | |
|-----------|---------|----|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Adonijah | Crocker | d. | June 1, 1813---aged | 70 |
| Flavel | " | d. | Sept. 11, 1814 | " 28 |
| Hannah | " | d. | Jan. 31, 1826 | " 48 |
| Elizabeth | " | d. | Oct. 31, 1826 | " 78 |
| Elizabeth | " | d. | April 31, 1831 | " 58 |
| Agna | " | d. | March 3, 1838 | " 69 |
| Mary | " | d. | Oct. 30, 1838 | " 63 |
| Andrew | " | d. | Oct. 23, 1857 | " 44 |
| Assa | " | d. | April 27, 18-- | " 58---d. in Delphi, New York. |

ANCIENT RECORDS of "Windham County."WILLIMANTIC TOWN RECORDS. OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

Original Book "A"--page 156

John Crocker born August 3, 1735--son of Eliezer and
Judath Crocker

Sarah Crocker " August 9, 1739--dau. of " " "

Ebenezer Crocker " Jan. 21, 1724--son of Eliezer and
Judath Crocker

*(Book "A" p. 76.)**(Book "A" p. 76.)*Mr. Andrew Crocker~~Simon (often spelled Simon) Crocker~~ was in the 10th Company,

enlisted July 8, discharged 13 September, 1775, Capt., John Ripley
of Windham. Andrew Crocker was from Coventry, Connecticut.

A Mr. John Crocker was a surgeon on board the Frigate "Trumbull"
(Continental)

Simeon (name often spelled Simon) Crocker, is listed in the
"Lexington Alarm" list, as a Junior Private for ten days.
He is listed as a Sergeant for 12 days--1775--Book "A", page 76

ORIGINAL RECORDS OF BOZRAH, CONNECTICUT.Office of the Town Clerk, Hon. Mr. BentleyMarriages

Page 50, Asa Crocker and Lois Crocker of Franklin
were married May 22, 1791, by the subscriber, Samuel Nott, Clerk

Charlotte b. Sept 27, 179 --

Rozamon b. June 17, 1795

Page 85 ---William L. Crocker and Philuria Woodward, both of
Bozrah, were married Feb. 3, 1811.

Andrew Metcalf Woodward, was born, January 1, 1814

(son of William L. and Philuria Crocker)

(Continued)

Ancient Records of ~~Winham~~ Bozrah, ConnecticutMarriages, Continued.

Page 122,---William Crocker, Jun^r, and Abigail Armstrong, both of Bozrah, were married by me, Nov. 26, 1829--looks like a 9) David Austin, Pastor.

Page 127-----Andrew M. Crocker, and Eunice Frink were married, November 3, 1834. John W. Salter, Pastor.

Page 82-----George W. Crocker, and Polly Huntley were married 17 March, 1825.

Mary, dau of George and Polly Crocker, was born Aug. 28., 1825/6
Abby Lyon, dau of Geo. & Polly Crocker was b. Sept. 3, 1832

Page 48----Jabez Crocker, Jun^r, of New London and Elizabeth Tallcot of Bolton, were married together, the 5th day of Oct. 1773
(First wife, Mary died April 10, 1772)

| | | |
|---|----|----------------|
| Ruth, dau of Jabez & Elizabeth Crocker, | b. | Sept. 12, 1774 |
| Jabez, son " " " " | b. | Sept. 26, 1776 |
| Oliver " " " " | b. | July 20, 1781 |
| Anni " " " " | b. | Sept. 30, 1783 |

Mr. Jabez Crocker, died June 29, 1785.

Page 43----Thomas Crocker, Jun^r and Betsey Caulkin, both of Bozrah, were married together, 10 April, 1792.

Hyde, son of Thomas Crocker, Jun^r, b. Jan. 25, 1793

Thomas, son of Thomas Crocker, and b. April 1, 1793.

Fanny, his wife was

Ancient Records of Bozrah, Continued.Marriages. Page 12

William Crocker and Sibyl Lathrop of Franklin, were lawfully married together by the subscriber, May 17, 1787--Samuel Nott, Clerk. He was the Rev. Samuel Nott.

Page 12-----

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|----|----------|--------------------------|
| Vilate | Crocker | b. | Feb. 28, | 1788 |
| William | " | b. | Mar. 14, | 1790---d. June 28, 1802 |
| Ezekiel Lathrop | " | b. | Aug. 7, | 1792---d. Sept. 8, 1818 |
| Sophia | " | b. | Oct. 18, | 1794 |
| Abigail Lyon | " | b. | July 13, | 1797 |
| George Washington | " | b. | Aug. 31, | 1799 |
| William | " | b. | ----- | 1803---d. Oct. 18, 1853. |

DEATHS, BOZRAH RECORDS

Page 40,

Elizabeth, wife of Asa Crocker d. Oct. 24, 1788, aged 56

Page 12--- Mrs. Philuria, wife of William L. Crocker, *Esg.*
died Feb. 25, 1843, aged 55 years, 10 months & 13 days.

Page 12--- Thomas Crocker, died April 2, 1811, aged 80 years
" " --- Sarah (wife of Thomas Crocker) died Feb. 17, 1823
Aged 80 years.

Page 12--- Andrew M. Crocker died, Oct. 23, 1857 (same in Franklin)
aged 44 (nearly 44 he was) (records)

Page 12--- William L. Crocker, died July 9, 1846, aged 62 years.

LEBANON TOWN RECORDS

Solomon, son of John Crocker & Elenor, b. Nov. 8, 1755.

COLUMBIA CHURCH RECORDS (ORIGINAL) AT HARTFORD STATE LIBRARY

"Esther Loomis (wife of Benoni & Dau. of Simon Crocker) removed from Lebanon, July, 1805." This Church called "Ye Crank" & "North Parish". Benoni Loomis, and wife, are members of Church. 1738. This Benoni~~x~~ is doubtless the father-in-law of Esther (Crocker) Loomis.

RECORDS of THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT LEBANON

"Esther Crocker joins the church, July 29, 1758" (She married Simon Sept 29, 1757, as stated on page 8) "she came from "Ye Crank"

CHRISTENINGS OF THE CHILDREN OF BENONI LOOMIS & ESTHER

(SAME RECORDS)

| | | | | |
|---------|-------|---------|----|------|
| Benoni | bapt. | January | 8, | 1790 |
| Abigail | " | March | 2, | 1793 |
| Electa | " | Sept. | / | 1797 |

NEW LONDON TOWN RECORDS. Book One, Original

Rachel Crocker m. Kingsley Comstock, Sept. 131 1717 (who was she ?)
(Dau. of Andrew

Mercy b. 4 March 1668---daughter of Thomas and Rachel Crocker---page 6
evidently means Mary Crocker

Thomas Crocker b. 1 Sept. 1670 was married to Mary Carpenter
son of Thomas and Rachel daughter of David, 8 April,
Crocker 1697.

In an unpublished mss. written by the late Miss Frances E. Caulkins (owned by the Historical Society of New London, Connecticut) there are many quotations taken from Town Records of New London, BOOK 4. This book is not to be found at the present time. These records from Book 4 are not available either, except as preserved by her. She speaks of certain birth records which do not exist in the Town Records, but mentions getting them from family sources. These same birth records are found in the original volumes- yellow with age-- in Books 1, 2 & 3, in New London. Book 4 was no doubt burned up at the time when the traitor Benedict Arnold sat his horse in the old graveyard called "Ye Ancientest Burial Place", and watched the town of New London burn- Books 1, 2 & 3 must have been hidden somewhere at the time she penned these lines. Perhaps some day Book 4 may come from its hiding place and be better preserved than its mates, 1, 2 & 3.

.RECORDS OF THE .1st. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH .IN NEW LONDON.

Christenings.

| | | | |
|------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Page 41--- | October 20, 1742- | William Crocker's child--- | Freeman |
| Page 44--- | October 14, 1744--- | William Crocker's child--- | Jonathan |
| Page 51--- | July 4, 1749--- | William Crocker's children-- | Jonathan and Elizabeth. |
| Page 45--- | Sept. 13, 1745--- | John Crocker's child--- | John |
| Page 45--- | June 24, 1743--- | John Crocker's child--- | Andrew |
| Page 32--- | June 1, 1740--- | John Crocker's child--- | Mary (also Richard Leech's child Rhode.) |
| Page 15--- | July 7, 1728--- | Samuel Crocker's child--- | Hannah |
| Page 38--- | Sept. 10, 1678--- | Thomas Crocker's child--- | <u>SAMUEL</u> |
| Page 71--- | May 9, 1630---- | Thomas Crocker's child--- | William |
| Page 75--- | April 1, 1633--- | Thomas Crocker's child--- | Andrew |
| Page ? --- | April 2. 1571--- | Gudewife Crocker brings her two children, | Thomas and Mary. |

New London RecordsRecords of the 1st. Congregational Church of New London (original)Page 30~~Distaffs~~ ~~Amethmann~~LIST OF BRETHREN-----1757

- No. 10. Joshua Hempstead
- No. 17. David Crocker
- No. 47. George Chappell
- No. 42. Stephen Chappell, etc

Xp

LIST OF SISTERS -----1757

- No. 38. Hannah Crocker

There are Crocker Records to be found at Ashford, at Coventry, Saybrook
 at Plainfield, at Preston, at Jordan (in Waterford) and many other
 nearby Places, according to information received.

DETACHED NAMES.

(1) Record supplied by Mrs. Daniel Edgar Clark of New Haven, Connecticut

(Save where the information is enclosed in double brackets)

I S A A C C R O C K E R

ISAAC CROCKER, b. ---1741/2, d. Nov. 2, 1828, m. (1) Miss Amy Brooks (Timothy) m. (2), Mrs. Lydia (Smith) Caulkins, (widow of Capt. Jonathan ^{and} who d. Sept. 21, 1787, aged 51 years) Lydia Smith was the daughter of Nehemiah Smith and Betsey ----? She was born---1744, d. Dec. 28, 1813, as wife of Isaac Crocker. ((M.(3)Mrs. Grace Caulkins, widow of Capt. Samuel Caulkins and the daughter of Amos Caulkin, b.---1750, d. Nov. 23, 1828, in the 77th year of her age. See record of her tombstone in "GRAVE--STONES" Information concerning this marriage and her parentage, was supplied by Miss Martha, Howard Smith, Historian, of Waterford)) Last two wives ~~William Crocker~~ are recorded on stones beside the husband, Isaac Crocker, but Amy Brooks can not be found.

Children of Isaac Crocker and Amy Brooks were:

Elizabeth Crocker---m. Capt. Jason Beckwith((Inf. Miss M.H.S

Nehemiah Crocker---

((Note. In an unpublished ~~Mss.~~ left by the great historian, Miss ((Frances E. Caulkins, there is this statement, that Isaac Crocker ((may be the son of William Crocker ^{who}-(1) m. Eunice, m.(2) Hannah ((Waterhouse, Grandson of Lieutenant William Crocker and Sarah ((Keeney and the great-grandson of the first Thomas Crocker))

NEHEMIAH CROCKER, b. Nov. 25, 1763, d. Aug. 21, 1845, m. (1) Oct. 11, 1785, Miss Esther Beckwith, b. April 12, 1761-2, d. Mar. 16, 1826-- daughter of John Beckwith & Elizabeth Dart , m.(2) Esther----? This last wife was called Hester- See "Grave--Stones"

DETACHED NAMESCHILDREN OF NEHEMIAH CROCKER AND FIRST WIFE Esther BECKWITH

| | | |
|------------|-------------------|---|
| Gurdon | b. July 16, 1786, | m. Nov. 19, 1807, Miss Sarah S. Caulkins |
| Isaac | b. Feb 14, 1788 | m. |
| Elizabeth | b. Nov. 30, 1789 | m. Jeremiah Lester ((See Her tombstone record Page B, ((Under "GRAVE--STONES")) |
| AMY | b. Nov. 4, 1791 | unm. d. Dec. 19, 1815, aged 24 yrs. |
| John | b. April 24, 1793 | m. ((Miss Clarissy Brown, --ssee ((Page C--"GRAVE---STONES" ((She d. Nov. 22, 1838, aged 44 ((John Crocker d. Mar. 11, ((1866 .John m.(2) Miss ((Nancy Thompson., b. 1802.)) |
| Palmer | b. Feb. 10, 1795 | m. |
| Esther | b. May 8, 1802 | m. Manassah Leesh ((Mss. Caulkins |
| Leonard | b. Oct 25. 1804. | m. Miss Amanda ----- ((See page B, "GRAVE---S. ones")) |
| x Nehemiah | b. ----- 1801 | m---? ((Died March 29, 1832, ((aged 31 years))--See ((1, "GRAVE--STONES")) |

x Nehemiah m. (X) Mary Brown.

Miss C's Mss. says widow Mary (Brown) Crocker m. (2) Asa Manwaring.

Mr. Gurdon Crocker

GURDON CROCKER, b. July 16, 1786, d. March 8, 1872, m. Nov. 19, 1807, Miss Sarah Caulkins, born March 3, 1785/6, Died Aug. 11, 1871.
(S.)

They had these children:

| | | |
|-------------|-------------------|---|
| Albert G. | b. Nov. 18, 1808 | m. Abigail C. Haynes, Jan. 29, 1834 |
| Emmeline L. | b. March 15, 1811 | m. ----- Butler - Dec. 25, 1895. Emmeline d. Dec. 25, 1895 ((Miss Caulkins' Mss says she m. (((1) Jan. 13, 1828, Mr. Moses ((Fargo, (2) 12 Sept. 1850, Mr. ((Marcus L. Baldwin)) |
| Sarah L | b. March 8, 1813 | m. John Payne, She d. Mch. 9, 1902 |
| Chauncey R. | b. Dec 16, 1815 | m. ((Lucretia A. Crocker--Continued |

DETACHED NAMESChildren of Mr. Gurdon Crocker and Sarah Caulkins, Continued

Mary A. b. Feb. 13, 1817.

Franklin G. b. Sept. 29, 1818 m. Miss Abigail Cone- He d. 1887

A Son b. June 26, 1824 D. an infant.

Elizabeth

P. b. Oct. 29, 1826

 Note. In her unfinished Mss. Miss Caulkins states that the above
 Emmeline m. (1) Jan. 13, 1828, Mr. Moses Fargo, m. (2) 12 Sept.
 1850, Mr. Marcus L. Baldwin; She states that Sarah m. Mr. John
 Payne, August 13, 1829; She states that Mary Ann W. m. Mr.
 Gurdon Bishop, Jr., 2 May, 1840; She states at the end of this
 record: "D. 29 Jan, 1854, ---Franklin W. son of Franklin G. and
 Abby Crocker, aged 4 y." Abigail Cone was born, 1819. Franklin
 G. Crocker and Abigail have a son, Warren F. born 15 Dec., 1849."

ALBERT G. CROCKER

Albert G. Crocker, b. Nov. 18, 1808, d. January 15, 1897, m.
 January 29, 1832, Miss Abigail C. Haynes, b. June 18, 1808, d.
 June 21, 1882.

Their children were these:

Charles G. b. January 25, 1834
 Albert James b. April 30, 1837
 Mary A. b. August 8, 1838
 Wm. H. H. b. January 6, 1841

Albert James Crocker

Albert James Crocker, b. April 30, 1837, d. April 3, 1904, m.
 June 17, 1861, Miss Caroline A. Johnson, b. Oct. 14, 1843, d. Oct.
 25, 1902. (Continued)

Jennie A. b. Feb. 5, 1862
Gracie Emilie b. Dec. 25, 1872, m. Daniel Edgar Clark of
New Haven, Connecticut.
They have one son:
Eugene Ferrin Clark .

(2) ~~การปฏิบัติหน้าที่ของพนักงานสอบสวนที่กระทำโดยมิชอบหน้าที่อันเป็นเหตุให้เกิดความเสียหายแก่ผู้เสียหายหรือแก่บุคคลอื่น~~

John Crocker m. (2) Miss Nancy Thompson, b. ---1802, d. August 19, 1839

The children of John and Clarissa Crocker, were :

The Children of John Crocker and Nancy Thompson were

EDWARD N. CROCKER, b. July 26, 1843, d. March 11, 1908, m.

(2)

JOSIAH CROCKER married Miss Nancy Stebbins in 1804.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Charles, born 1805 | (4) Josiah | (7) Mary |
| Harris; | Jane | Anson, b. 1828, m. Esther Ann Smith |
| Lydia; | Henry | Samuel |
| (Anson lived at Niantic, Ct.) | | Fanny - m. Alfred Brown. |
| | | Lines |

DETACHED NAMES

Anson Crocker b. -----1823, d. (must sleep at Niantic or at Old Lyme near the station or in "Duckriver" at Old Lyme) m.-----?
Miss Esther Ann Smith.

Their children were:

| | | | |
|----------|------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Samuel | m. | Elizabeth | |
| John | unm. | and lost at sea | |
| Matilda | m | Ansel | Reed , then James Meader (No issue) |
| Augustus | | | |
| William | | | |
| Tunis | d. | young | |
| Andrea | m. | John | Beebe |
| Alvin | m. | Ada | Presbrey |
| Oliver | d. | infancy | |
| Capitola | b | | |
| Mayette | b | | |
| Sabra | b | | |

(3)

(4) From an old Bible owned by Richard Coit Crocker, of New London.

RICHARD COIT CROCKER, b. August 24, 1821, d.-----? m. July 15, 1846, Miss Mary L. Fenner, b. June 22, 1822

The cemetery lot at Cedar Grove, New London belongs to their grandson, George Crocker. It is known as Lot No. 46, Section I.

(4)

(5) GEORGE CROCKER b.-----? d.-----? m.-----? Miss Nancy Lamphere. He was in the war of 1812 with 9 or ten other Crocker men.

~~The children of George Crocker and Nancy Lamphere were~~

The child of George Crocker and Nancy Lamphere was:

THOMAS PAYNE CROCKER, who m. Eunice Wilcox of No. Stonington, Conn.
Thomas d. in 1860, aged forty seven years.
Their child was: (Continued)

Capt. George Crocker (Sea-Captain) of Norwich Connecticut, was born in 1847.

He says that he has always been taught that there were six Crookers who came to Massachusetts, from old England. He knew a man named Denison, who at one time made an exhaustive study into the Crooker antecedents. He is now dead and his nephew McKinley Denison has moved away from Norwich. He thinks that this nephew might have the records.

(5)

(6) The following items through ~~page~~ 32, were sent by Miss Martha Howard Smith of Waterford, Connecticut:

T H O M A S C R O C K E R

Thomas Creecker (Thomas) born Sept. 1, 1670, d. March 28, 1754 at
New London, Ct. m. (1) April 8, 1697, Miss Mary Carpenter, dau. of
David Carpenter and Sarah Hough. Mary, his wife, d. about 1700.
m. (2) April 23, 1700, Miss Ann Beebe, daughter of Samuel Beebe. ~~no children~~
She had no children
3)-Sept. 3, 1741, Miss Phebe Biggs.

The children of Thomas C. Ecker and Mary Carpenter, were :

| | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-------|-------------------|--|
| David | b. Nov. 9, | 1697, | m. Dec. 2, 1722, | Hannah Beebe |
| <u>Thomas</u> | b. Dec. 12, | 1699, | m. June 22, 1721, | Joanna Hackley dau. of Peter Hackley) |

Wiederholungsfragen

The child of Thomas Crocker and Phebe Biggs, was

Samuel b. July 11, 1742. m.

Thomas, (Thomas, Thomas) b. Dec. 12, 1699, d. April 9, 1741, aged
60 odd (See page 375, Joshua Hempstead's Diary) m. June 22, 1721,
Joanna Hackley (Peter) (Continued)

DETACHED NAMES

There is an inventory of Thomas Crocker's estate.

The children of Thomas Crocker and Joanna (Hackley) were these :

| | | | | |
|-----------|---------|------------|------------|---|
| Nathan | b. May | 17, 1722, | m. | Miss Abigail Beebe (daughter of Stephen Beebe) |
| Elizabeth | b. Mar. | 22, 1724, | d. | Nov. 29, 1725 |
| Sarah | b. Apr. | 6, 1727, | | |
| Mercy | b. Oct. | 29, 1729 | d. | Apr. 1736 |
| Thomas | b. Nov. | 20, 1732, | m. | Susanna Davis, (John) |
| Peter | , Mar. | 20, 1735/6 | prob. died | young |

THOMAS Crocker⁴, (Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹) b. Nov. 20, 1732
(1757)

d.---? m. Jan. 30, at New London, Miss Susanna Davis (dau. of John Davis)

Their children were these:

| | | | | |
|--------------|---------|-----------|------|---------------|
| Joanna | b. Apr. | 25, 1758, | m. | ----- Walker |
| Thomas | b. June | 14, 1761, | died | infancy |
| Naomi | b. Aug. | 18, 1765, | m. | Jesse Edgcomb |
| <u>JAMES</u> | b. Feb. | 21, 1768, | m. | Anna ----- |
| Oliver | b. June | 12, 1770, | m. | Mary Powers |
| Susanna | b. July | 16, 1773, | m. | ----- |
| Thomas | b. Dec. | 30, 1779, | m. | ----- |

((Miss Caulkins, in her unpublished Crocker MSS, says that
((Susanna married a Mr.-----Richards))

JAMES CROCKER⁵, (Thomas⁴, Thomas³, Thomas², Thomas¹) b. Feb. 21,
1768, d. 1841, AE 75 years, m. Miss Anna-----? b.-----? d.-----
1851, aged 83 years (See their tombstones at Mullen Hill, Waterford)

Their child was:

Phoebe J. Crocker, b. about 1792, d. -----1842, aged 50 years
(Tombstone is at Mullen Hill, Waterford) m. Mr. Comstock Smith^(C)⁷

(6) son of John⁶, Jedediah⁵, Nehemiah⁴, Samuel³, Nehemiah², Nehemiah¹)

DETACHED NAMES

(7) The following facts were furnished, by Miss Martha Howard Smith

The Children of Mr. Nehemiah Crocker & 2nd wife Esther----? (Hester)

Amy L. Crocker b. Aug. 31, 1830, m. Mr. Elisha Howard

(see "Grave--Stones" --Page B)

Ellen A. Crocker b. Mar. 1, 1833, m. Mr. John Smith

Children of Capt. Amos Crocker & wife Fanny-----

Mary B. Crocker b. June 10, 1818,

Laura A. Crocker b. Mar. 25, 1820

Hannah E. Crocker b. July 27, 1822---m. Mr. Josiah Haynes

Mary, dau. of Constant Crocker, Jun^r & wife Polly, was born May 24, 1807. ((She was Polly Beckwith---Miss Caulkins' Mss.))

Thomas Crocker, who d. June 17, 1813, aged 27, was killed in the War of 1812

John Crocker, the second son of Thomas Crocker¹, married Mary Tubbs or Mercy Tubbs. ((Miss Caulkins tells that she marries ~~Samuel~~ (2) Mr. Thomas Leech))

(7)

(8) FROM VARIOUS BOOKS OF HISTORY AND Genealogy .Printed Sources.

Henry M. Crocker of New Haven marries Miss Julia A. Farnham.

She is the 3rd child of William Farnham. She was born in

Windham, Connecticut, August 3, 1810. Henry M. Crocker m. (2)

Miss Orilla Nettleton, in 1841

Andrew Crocker m. Anna Leland
James " m. Margaret Leland
Thomas " m. Ann Beebe in-----1860

DETACHED NAMES From Various Books of History and Genealogy

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|----|--|---|---|
| Andrew | Crocker | m. | Sarah | Leech | 1706 |
| Daniel | " | m. | Some one in New Fairfield, Connecticut Daniel was born Oct. 7, 1827 | | |
| Elizabeth | " | m. | Ezekiel | Daniels, | Oct. 27, 1731 |
| Elizabeth | " | m. | Joseph | Holt | July 31, 1766 |
| Elizabeth | " | m. | John | Daniels | Nov. 7, 1766 |
| Elizabeth | " | m. | Horace | Steele | Sept 21, 1800 ((She is dau. of Capt. John and Eliz. Holt(From Miss Caulkins' Mss.)) |
| Freeman | " | m. | Lucy | Tabor | July 26, 1767 |
| John (Capt.) | " | m. | Elizabeth | Holt | Nov. 24, 1765 ((He is son of William, Lieut ((William, and Thomas Crocker ^{probably} ((Miss Caulkins does not state ((which William is his father but ((William who m. (1) Eunice, m. (2) ((Hannah Waterhouse, is the only ((known William which can fit. ((Miss Caulkins states that Eliz- ((abeth Holt is the dau. of William ((Holt, 2nd. See "GRAVE--STONES", p.H. |
| Joseph | " | m. | ? | He is son of John Crocker and Jerusha Larrabee (probably) b. 1735/6 | |
| Sarah | " | m. | William | Waterhouse, | May 6, 1725 |
| Sarah | " | m. | Martin | Clark | April 21, 1736 |
| Sarah | " | m. | Richard | Leech | Dec. 21, 1794 |
| Sarah | " | m. | James | Pitman | May 5, 1799 ((She was b. Dec. 1780, dau. of Capt. John Crocker and Elizabeth Holt From Miss Caulkins' Mss.)) |
| Silas | " | m. | Martha | Rogers, | June 27, 1765 ((Silas is Martha's son the son of John ³ ((and Rhoda, son of William Crocker ² ((and Sarah Keeney, son of Thomas ((Crocker ¹ and Rachel Chappell -- acc. ((to Martha's record left by Miss F.E. ((Caulkins)) ((|
| Stephen | | | | | |
| Stephen | " | m. | Lucy | Brooks, | Mar. 3, 1797. |

DETACHED NAMES . Marriages, from Books of History & Genealogy.

| | | | | | | |
|----------|----|---------|----|---------|-----|----------|
| John | H. | Crocker | m. | Lucy | Ann | Merwin |
| Jonathan | | Crocker | m. | Jane | | Minor |
| Susannah | | Crocker | n. | Stephen | | Richards |

(Crocker)

In the Manuscript, left by Miss Frances E. Caulkins, light is thrown upon the parentage of many of the ~~known~~ people whose names have been copied from Books of reference.

Her various Manuscripts, concerning distinguished families in Connecticut, as well as her inscriptions from the ancient stones in Connecticut graveyards, which she was so laboriously compiling at the time of her death, are a mine of wealth to the earnest historian. A few thousand dollars of the wealth, which God has given some men the power to get (Deut. VIII: 18) would print all of these unfinished, but priceless Manuscripts. At the same time, the money so used, would mean the most appropriate and most lasting monument, which could be erected to the memory of this Truly great child of Connecticut--to whom, as yet, alas! there stands no fitting tribute of any kind!

These writings were donated, by relatives of Miss Caulkins, to the New London Historical Society.

DEEDS AND WILLS

Norwich Connecticut Court House--Book 12-- Deeds, page 238

SAMUEL CROCKER OF NORWICH grants some lands to his daughter Zerviah, also his homestead at West Farms (in Norwich and now called Franklin) She is then Mrs. Joseph Hastings. This deed is not recorded till ten years ^{after} ~~after~~ on October 14, 1754.

Excerpt from this Deed

"Know all ^{People} ~~men~~ to whom these presents shall or may come, greeting:
Know ye, that I, Samuel Crocker, of Norwich, in the County of New London and Colony of Connecticut in New England, for divers good causes and considerations thereunto me moving;; but more especially for and in consideration of the good will, love and affection which I have and do beare unto my loving and well-beloved daughter, Zerviah Hastings, and wife of Joseph Hastings, of said Norwich--have transferred, give, grant, etc unto my said daughter, Zerviah Hastings, her heirs and their assigns forever,--- two(2) certain tracts or parcels of land lying and being in Township of Norwich aforesaid, and one of which is a home lot or farm, I now live on, containing by estimation 60 acres, be it more or less--abutting and abounding as follows :

Southeasterly and Southwesterly on Captain Jabez Hyde's land and Westerly and Northerly on William Johnson's land and on Joseph Hastings, his land and eastward in a Highway that goeth from Lebanon to Norwich, together with all ye singular--ye buildings, orchards, fences, improvements thereon and thereunto belonging, etc, etc.

The other tract contains about one acre--be it more or less--and goeth East of said Highway Westerly near the Northeast Corner of ye first mentioned tract---

Set my hand and seal this thirtieth Day of May, 1744

Samuel Crocker (Seal)

(Continued on next page)

Deed of Samuel Crocker to Daughter, Zerviah Hastings, Continued.

Presence of
Jabez Hide
Jabez Hide, Junior

Entered and ordered Oct. 14, 1754

INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE, SAMUEL CROCKER, OF WINDHAM, CONN.

12 Noon, Sept. ye 25th--1745. Samuel died August ye 27--1745

Presented by Edward Waho or Waha
John Cary
John Manning

Will Book 3, pp. 368-9, 370-1, (Willimantic, Connecticut, Court House)

DEED FROM SAMUEL CROCKER, TO HIS SON, JOHN CROCKER.

LAND RECORDS AT NORWICH, CONNECTICUT. Book 7, page 165, Oct. 7, 1734

AS token of his fatherly affection for son, John, Samuel Crocker deeds to him 2 tracts of land in Norwich and "within the limits of the West Society".

"Imprimis:-- Begin at a heap of stones by the Highway--three rods eastward from my Dwelling House, from thence running Southwesterly 74 rods, abutting Northwesterly--partly on my own land and partly on my said ~~son~~ John's land, to a heap of stones by an oak stubb; from thence running southerly by 34 rods to another heap of stones, abutting westerly, partly on my own land and partly on land of Justice Joseph Backus, and from thence, running easterly to line of Joshua Smith's land and from thence bounding upon land of said Smith and ~~my~~ land of Capt. Jabez Hide to the said Highway--a crooked line and from thence bounded on said Highway 40 rods to the first corner.

The other tract, known as my Tracy lot, bounds other land eastward, 22 acres, more or less.

Samuel Crocker (SEAL)

Deeds and Wills.

Deed From Samuel Crocker to son, John Crocker. Book 10, p. 229. Gives
a Quit Claim Deed to some land which had once belonged to Mr.
Samuel Gager. Deed is executed 5 April 1748.

Samuel Crocker to son, John Crocker, Book 6, p. 414, May 2, 1732.
 One Hundred pounds money and 140 acres in Norwich, adjoining Jabez
 Crocker's Dwelling House, on Northerly side of Highway--leading to
 Lebanon, "as of record to have and to hold, etc"
 It seems as if he gives him 200 pounds more but it is not clear.

SAMUEL CROCKER (SEAL)

DEED FROM SAMUEL CROCKER TO SON, JABEZ CROCKER, 1732

Samuel Crocker to Joseph Hastings, Book 8, p. 176, July 11, 1738

Samuel Crocker to Hastings and to Stockley, Book 13, p. 402, year 1744

Samuel Crocker to Bliss and others, July 19, 1746, Book 13, p. 137

The Inventory of his estate says that he died in 1745.

There are many other deeds from Samuel Crocker, in the Norwich Court
 House, to his children, to his sons-in-law, and relatives which I did
 not take the time to record.

SAMUEL CROCKER BUYS LAND FROM JOSEPH BACKUS, Book 2, p. 578, 1704 *March 8,*

12 acres. Land lies on Lebanon Hill near to John Johnson's ~~house~~ home,
 abutts the land of said Johnson--westerly 48 rods, and on the Commons
 southwardly 41 rods---abutting eastwardly on Commons 48 rods and
 northerly on a Highway 38 rods.

Joseph Backus sold this 12 acres for forty shillings.

Joseph Backus (SEAL)

This deed from Joseph Backus is also taken from the Norwich Land Records.

Deeds and Wills.

Samuel Crocker buys from Joseph Tracy 20 acres.

Deed Book 1, p. 237, Nov. 15, 1706. Land lies on "Little Lebanon Hill," afterwards known as "CROCKER HILL" and unto this day is so called.

"Bounds of Norwich, abutting on Commons Northerly, abutting on Commons Eastward, and abutting on land of Thomas Adgate, Southerly, and West on Commons at place called 40 acre Neck."

Joseph Tracy (SEAL)

Samuel Crocker gives to Joseph Tracy, 20 acres in exchange.

Samuel Crocker buys from Samuel Cogswell, Book 9, p. --?, 1720. 19 Oct. 2 acres on the Hill above Yantic, abutting on land of Fitch and Robert Wade, etc

Samuel Cogswell and wife Anne (SEALS)

SAMUEL Crocker sells land to James Ford, Jun^r of Marshfield, Mass Deed Book 6, p. 484, June 4, 1733. 82 acres on Hill above Yantic, Northerly on his own (Samuel Crocker's) land and land of Justice Backus and Gager's land, buildings, fruit trees, etc. Price 110 pounds.

SAMUEL CROCKER (SEAL)

There are many records of Deeds at Norwich, made by the children of Samuel Crocker and ~~made~~ by his sons-in-law, as well as others made by and to him. There are also many Crocker Deeds in nearby towns.

JOHN CROCKER OF LEBANON, WINDHAM COUNTY, CONNECTICUT MAKES A DEED TO HIS SON, SIMON CROCKER in 1756--a Warranty Deed, out of love and AFFECTION. This Deed is to be seen in the Office of the Town Clerk of Lebanon, Connecticut, Honourable Charles Abell. This is now in New London County. Formerly Lebanon and its little towns, were all in Windham County.

Crocker Deeds may be found at the Town Clerk's Office in Franklin, Also at Wallimantic, New London, Hartford and nearby towns.

DEEDS AND WILLSWILLS

There has been found no will executed by Samuel Crocker of Crocker Hill

Will of JOHN CROCKER, Willimantic Court House-Windham Records

Book 7, p. 456 ⁴⁰² This Will is recorded 18 January, 1769.

John Crocker leaves the bulk of his estate to son, Adonijah, and gives 5 shillings to each of his ~~sons~~ other sons and to each of his 3 daughters.

The sons are named as:--Simon, Adonijah, John and Champion. The daughters are named as: Elizabeth, Phoebe and Lucy. Simon is Executor

Witnesses:

John Crocker (SEAL)

William Clark

Nathaniel Clark.

On February 13, 1789, Adonijah Crocker states that his brother SIMON has fully discharged his duties as Executor of their father-John Crocker's estate.

| | | | | | |
|------|-------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|
| John | Crocker, Vol. 16, | pages | 283--406, | Years | --1810 ³³³ -- |
| " | " | " | 12, " | " | 1785---1790 |
| " | " | " | 15, " | " | 1802--1810 |

ESTATE OF ADONIJAH CROCKER, Administered Upon

Book 12, pp. 35---38 (Franklin Probate Records)

The widow, Elizabeth " asks the Court to appoint Mr. Eleazer Tracy, ^{Esq.} and 9 other meet persons to devide and administer the Estate. This petition of hers states that her husband Adonijah Crocker d. 1 Day of June, 1813

Book 12, pp. 35--38 there is an Inventory of the Estate of the late Adonijah ^(of Franklin) Crocker, presented Nov. 2, 1813

There were various sums to be paid to the following- ~~then named as~~ Elizabeth; Lucy; Elizabeth, Jun^r; Hannah; Polly; and to the estate of John Crocker and Timothy Loomis; Lewas (or Lenas) Howes & Joshua Tracy.

Needs and Wills.W I L L SWILL OF SIMON CROCKER, Will Book 14, pp. 247-260, Willimantic C.H.

" In the Name of God, Amen: I, Simon Crocker, of Lebanon, of the County of Windham, in the State of Connecticut,--Considering, etc--and also the harmonious acquiescence of all my family in the disposition of my estate, hereinafter expressed-----Do make this, my last Will and Testament."

IMPRIMIS --- Wife, Esther, one third of real and personal estate, and household furniture, etc-----

ITEM;--"Whereas I have formerly given to each of my daughters, LUCY, the wife of Dan Sprague, the sum of fifty pounds, lawful money, and Molly the wife of Gershom Dorrance, the sum of fifty pounds, ~~the sum of fifty pounds~~, lawful money, at this time advanced by my son, John Crocker; I have given, paid and secured, the further sum of fifty pounds, lawful money, to each of my ^{sd} daughters, Lucy and Molly--so that they have each of them, received as portion, the sum of one hundred pounds lawful money----I do hereby declare and make known that the said Lucy and Molly have now already received their and each of their full shares, parts and proportions of all my estate, except what shall ~~be~~ hereinafter be given to them-----

Item;--Such part of my household furniture as shall remain after the death of myself and my ^{sd} wife, and the longest liver of us, I give to my three daughters, ESTHER Crocker, Lucy Sprague and Molly Dorrance, to be equally devided between them; in case either of them should die before me--having lawful issue, such issue shall take in the room and place of his or her or their deceased parent or parents----

ITEM;---I give to my daughter, Esther, ONE HUNDRED POUNDS to be on interest from the date thereof until paid: Whatever I may hereinafter give

Deeds and Wills.W I L L S

her during my life, shall be considered in part or in whole thereof, if she shall ----- to that amount. Her ~~Legacy~~ ^{Said} Legacy, or such part, as may remain unpaid, shall be paid to her in a reasonable time, after the decease of myself and said wife, and she be paid in Real and Personal Estate, which I shall leave at my decease, or part in Real and part in Personal Estate, as shall be found most convenient.

ITEM:---I give to my son, John Crocker of ^{sd} Lebanon, all my farming and other tools, and so much of my estate to be set out to him, in Real or Personal Estate, as shall be most convenient, as will repay him the sum of ^(said) fifty pounds lawful money, by him now advanced to compleat the portion of his two sisters, Lucy and Molly, with the lawful interest that shall thereon accrue---my said Daughter, Esther having first received said One Hundred [£] ~~sterling~~ [£] given her: and all the rest and residue of my Estate, both Real and Personal of every name, kind and description. I give, devise, bequeath to my ^{sd} son, John and my said daughter Esther to be equally divided between them and their heirs, Executors and Administrators and Assigns forever:---And if one or both of them shall die before me, having lawful issue, such Issue shall take and hold in the room, place and stead of his or her or their parents deceased.-----

FINALLY:--- I do hereby constitute and appoint my said son, John Crocker to be Executor of this, my last Will and Testament, hereby notifying and confirming this and no other for my last Will and TESTAMENT, etc--- In notice whereof, I have herewith set my hand and seal this 23rd Day of December, 1797.

Signed and declared by the said SIMON CROCKER the Testator as for and to be, his last Will and Testament, in presence of us, whose names are herewith intended, who signed as witnesses--in his presence and

Deeds and Wills.W I L L S

in presence of each other.

Ephraim Tisdale
Abby Tisdale, Jun^r
Elkinah Tisdale

I, the above named, SIMON CROCKER, the Testator, do hereby ratify and by this----- a codicil to the foregoing Will by me made and executed on the 23rd of December last, in every part thereof, excepting that my ^{sd} son, John shall have to allowance for interest in the sum of fifty pounds by him advanced for his said sisters, Lucy and Molly, and my Daughter Esther shall have no allowance of interest on the Legacy in said Will by me given to her---anything in the foregoing Will to the contrary notwithstanding.

Witness my hand and Seal, the 30th Day of January, A.D. 1798

SIMON CROCKER (SEAL)

In presence of;--

Ephraim Tisdale
Elkinah Tisdale
Abby Tisdale

Proofs of Will given, January 15, 1799. Probate held at Lebanon, for Windham ~~County~~ District, January 16, 1799.

INVENTORY:--- Book 14, Page 256. The Estate is valued at 420 pounds 6 shillings and six pence. This Inventory is filed 6 February, 1799. The Executor, John Crocker receives his Discharge from the Court, on 29 of November, 1799. (Simon dies January 1, 1799 and the wife Esther (Richardson) does not die till December 27, 1805)

31 July 1806, Esther Loomis and her husband, Penoni Loomis testify that/ they have received their share in full under the Will of SIMON CROCKER. Molly Dorrance and her husband also thus testify.

7 April, 1808, Dan Sprague, says that after the death of Esther, the ~~wife~~ widow of SIMON CROCKER, he has received as per the will, everything

Deeds and WillsW I L L S

IN FULL, BELONGING TO HIM AND HIS CHILDREN.

8 April, 1809, Middleburg,---"Received of John Crocker, Esq., by the hand of my father, DAN SPRAGUE,--- six dollars and 67 cents worth of Personal Estate--it being in full of all demands in the Estate of my grandfather, SIMON CROCKER, late of Lebanon, Dec^d.

Cynthia Parks

8 April, 1809, her brother William Sprague, testifies that he has received the same amount--his share in full from the Executor, John Crocker, Esq.,

Willimantic Probate Records Book 15, 229--476---Years, 1802--1810 something concerning the settling the **Estate** of Simon and Esther Crocker. This may be in the Special Book in the Probate Office.

W I L L S

| | | | | | |
|----------|---------|--------------|------|-------|------------|
| James | Crocker | Book 14, pp. | 128, | years | 1796--1802 |
| James | " | Book 6, " | 29, | " | 1797--1814 |
| Andrew | " | Book 12, " | 178 | " | 1785--1790 |
| Andrew | " | Book 8, " | 175 | " | 1778--1797 |
| Benjamin | " | Book 9, " | 41, | " | 1778--1778 |
| Eliaser | " | Book 1, " | 183 | " | 1734--1744 |
| Daniel | " | Book 8, " | 36, | " | 1797--1814 |
| Demuel | " | Book 8, " | 413 | " | 1797--1814 |
| Edward | " | Book 3, " | 1, | " | 1755-1764 |

WILLS AND DEEDSW I L L S

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|------|--------|-------------|
| John Crocker | Book 2, pp. | 369, | Years, | 1744--- |
| John Crocker | Book 6, " | 66, | " | 1797---1814 |
| John Crocker | Book 5, " | 433, | " | 1778---1797 |
| John Crocker | Book 7, " | 1, | " | 1814---1822 |
| Roswell Crocker | Book 4, " | 437, | " | 1784--- |
| Roswell Crocker | Book 9, " | 306, | " | 1776---1778 |
| Roswell Crocker | Book 5, " | 1, | " | 1778---1797 |

NOTE:--- Some of the above citations are found in Will Books, and some in Books, (in the same Office of the Probate Judge) which are designated, in the Catalogue, as SPECIAL. Volume 3, of the Wills is not yet indexed.

From Norwich Records---"Probate Journal "

Probate Court sitting, 15 September 1735, granted powers of Administration to Mrs. Sibil Crocker--estate of Rozell (Means Roswell) Crocker, late of Norwich, deceased.

Inventory of Roswell Crocker's Estate was presented on October 7, 1755
The Estate was valued at Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Pounds

Old Wills executed by members of the Crocker family may be found in nearly all of these nearby towns--save in Lebanon--the ancient wills of that place are all at Willimantic. There are no very old wills ~~at Old Lyme~~ at Old Lyme. For the ancient documents, one must go to what is known as Lyme--in Hamburg. A great many of the Original Wills from all over Connecticut are now being placed in the Basement--vaults of the Connecticut State Library, at Hartford, Connecticut

DEEDS AND WILLS

Willimantic, Connecticut.

Probate Special , Vol. 1, p. 587.

Eleanor Crocker of Windham, is appointed to be guardian of William Preston and Benjamin Preston, of Windham, sons of John Preston.

Willimantic, Connecticut.

Probate Special, Vol. 9, p. 40.

Benjamin Crocker is appointed guardian. (~~manuscript~~)

(Failed to record the balance of the information)

GRAVE---STONES, BEARING NAME OF
C R O C K E R

"Spithead" or Mullen Hill " Burying Ground.

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| Amy Daughter of Nehemiah and Esther Crocker died Dec. 19, 1815 aged 24 years | Nehemiah Crocker died March 29, 1832 aged 31 years | In memory of Thomas Crocker who died June 17, 1815 in the 28th year of his age. |
|--|---|--|

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| Nehemiah Crocker died August 21, 1846 aged 84 years | Esther wife of Nehemiah Crocker died March 16, 1826 aged 63 years. | Esther wife of Nehemiah Crocker died Nov. 24, 1836 aged 42 |
|--|---|---|

| | |
|---|--|
| Frances wife of Alfred Brown and daughter of Josiah and Fanny Crocker Fanny Crocker Died May 21, 1850 Aged 22 years 6 mos & 4 days | George W.M. son of Charles and Phoebe Crocker died Oct. 15, 1835 AE 16 months |
|---|--|

In Memory of
Mrs. Hester Crocker
wife of David Crocker
and daughter of
Zodok and Rebecca
Williams, whose happy
spirit bid the world
adieu, June 19, A.D. 1822
Aged 23 years & 8 mos.

The very handsome marble stone to Mrs. Alfred Brown has fallen on its back. Old settlers say that on the lot beside her, rest her father and her mother Nancy Stebbins and her brother Lines, No stones now are to be seen to mark their memory.

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| Sacred to the Memory of Mr. Isaac Crocker who died Nov. 2, 1828 in the 87th year of his age | In Memory of Mrs. Lydia Crocker wife of Mr. Isaac Crocker who died Dec. 29, 1813 in the 70th year of her age. | Mrs. Grace Relict of Mr. Isaac Crocker died Nov. 23, 1828 Aged 77 years. |
|--|--|---|

See "Scattered Graves In Connecticut" for a description of the present condition of these stones.

C R O C K E R G R A V E S T O N E S .

Ezra Crocker
died
July 15, 1870

Hannah Newbury
His wife
Died Sept. 6, 1853
Aged 67

Elizabeth Crocker
wife of
Jeremiah Lester
Died
August 5, 1880
Aged 91 years
& 8 months

In memory of
Elizabeth Beckwith
Relict of
Capt. Jason Beckwith
who died
Sept. 8, 1829
Aged 54 years

Large, firm stone

This is a very
handsome stone

Many stones in this deserted place are buried and some half buried. The ground for the larger part of this "Spithead" or Mullen Hill" Cemetery was generously donated by Elder Nathan Howard. In 1786, the yard was enlarged by an additional purchase of land from his eldest son, Daniel Howard. The title was then vested in "John Beckwith, Lemuel ~~Amos~~ Darrow, Constant Crocker, and the rest of the members of the Baptist Church and Society in New London" New London Land Records.

This cemetery seems hopelessly given up to eternal desolation. The weeds are very tall, the undergrowth quite dense, the briars and Poison Ivy cling fast to countless stones, so that any attempt to cover all the ground and decipher even one tenth of the stones is a Herculean task. Unless something is done and done speedily, a great many stones will be forever gone beyond recall-save by the recording angel.

A young lady living nearby the place, is an historian and deeply interested in this and the other adjacent graveyards. She would be most happy to cooperate with any descendants of those who sleep there, all forgotten. Her address is Miss Martha Howard Smith, Waterford, Conn.

There is one lot which is kept up sacredly- this is the Gardner lot. Some one, there is, who never forgets!

J O R D A N C E M E T E R Y

Leonard Crocker
1806---1865

Almy E.
1830---1867

Augusta F. Crocker
wife of
Peter L. Caulkins

Amanda Crocker
His wife
1803---1899

Susan L. Crocker
1834---1882

1835---1915

Elisha S. Howard
1822---1866

Elisha Palmer
Their son

In Memory of
Abigail Crocker
wife of Bailey Beebe
died Sept. 28, 1858
Aged 66 years &
6 months.

Amy L. Crocker
His Wife
1830---1906

1853---1865

This is a well kept cemetery-There are many handsome monuments to be seen Every grave is well cared for--some very old stones there also.

C R O C K E R G R A V E - - - - - S T O N E STHE " Jordan Cemetery in Waterford" , Continued.

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| In memory of Bailey Beebe, Died June 20, 1861 aged 74 years ----- He is at the left of his wife Abigail | Nathan L. Crocker 1812--1891 ----- Ann E. Miner His wife 1821---1897 | B. Ansel Crocker March 30---1817 Oct. 8---1901 ----- Susan T. Crocker His Wife Dec. 16---1826 July 24---1909 |
| Wallace Crocker 1845--1919 ----- | Ellen M. Crocker 1880--1918 | Daniel A. Crocker 1845---1911 |
| A sinner, saved by grace. | Emma C. Crocker 1882 1895 | Tacy Ann Crocker, wife of James Shelby, born May 3, 1821. Died Oct. 23, 1895 Aged 74 years, 5 mos. & 20 days |

"John Gardner Cemetery"--Waterford, ConnecticutThis is most beautifully cared for.

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| John Crocker died March 11, 1866 aged 73 | In memory of Clarissa, wife of John Crocker, who died Nov. 22, 1838 Aged 44. | Nancy Thompson wife of John Crocker Died August 19, 1889 aged 87 |
| Eliphalet Crocker 1821--1885 ----- Caroline H. Crocker 1825---1886 ----- This is the same stone | William E. Crocker died Oct. 17, 1899 45 years of aged | Edward N. Crocker July 26---1843 March 11---1908 |

- (Note---Mrs. Clarissa Crocker, was a Miss Brown. Her children were:
(B. Ansel Crocker, John Crocker, Hannah Crocker, Gilbert Crocker.
(Edward N. Crocker was the son of the second wife-Nancy Thompson.)

Not far from this graveyard is an old deserted family yard called
"Pepperbox Hill" I could discover no Crocker names, There are no Crocker
names to be found at Fitchville, in the "Johnson graveyard--npr in
an ancient yard called "Wightman" near Bozrah. Nor were there any
Crockers up on the hill at Versailles. There are some Crockers at old
" Oak Street," in Norwich- not now decipherable. SAMUEL may be in Oak Street

C R O C K E R G R A V E-----S T O N E S"SCOVILLE " OR "KINGSLEY BURYING GROUND"

This is about 6 miles across "Village Hill" from Lebanon, Conn.

Inserted to the
Memory of Mr.
John Crocker who
died Feb. 22, 1814,
in the 51st year
of his age.

"Death is my doom, my glass has run,
My friends I've left, my death to mourn.
But stop, 'tis right, don't shed a tear,
For God commands the whole affair."

Stephen Crocker
who died
May 13, 1822
aged 28

Sacred to
the memory of
& Lora Crocker
who died
Dec. 23, 1825
Aged 21.

This local bard seems to have eclipsed himself in this crowning effort!

Sacred
To the memory of
Maria Crocker
who died
Nov. 3, 1823
Aged 29

In memory of
Capt. Samuel Fuller
who died Feb. 14, 1814,
in the 87th year
year of his age.

This is the one who married ELIZABETH
Richardson, sister of Esther, who m.
Simon Crocker. His grave is near the
Crocker graves-evidently in the same
lot. There are many mounds nearby,
whose headstones have disappeared.

"THE TRUMBULL BURYING GROUND", Lebanon, Connecticut.

In memory of
SIMON CROCKER who
Died January 1, 1799 in the
70th year of his age.

"Death leaves a melancholy gloom,
It makes an empty seat,
Ye living mortals must come and join,
-----long retreat"

His headstone was falling down, it is now
cemented afresh-the old brimstone had
disintegrated.
Doubtless, the rest of this faded
inscription could be secured from
The Town Clerk at Lebanon.

In memory of
Mrs. Esther, wife of
Simon Crocker, who
died Dec. 27, 1805
in the 78th year
year of her age.

Her headstone is in fine
condition and may stand for
centuries. If Christ does not
return soon to earth, many
A great many of the stones
will not be standing.
WHEN He appears!

These waiting places are so
forlorn and desolate.

C R O C K E R G R A V E - - - - - S T O N E S

In "Columbia Cemetery". This was once regarded as part of
 Lebanon and often designated as "ye Crank " and "North Parish"

Mrs. Esther
 Relict of
 Mr. Benoni Loomis
 Died
 August 27, 1817
 Aged 56 years

Sacred to the memory
 of Mrs. Grace
 Wife to Mr. Benoni ~~Loomis~~
 Loomis who departed
 This life, Feb. 2, 1801
 In the 47th year
 of her age

Blessed are the dead
 who die in the Lord.

She was beloved in life and
 greatly lamented in death.

Benoni Loomis
 Died
 January 11,
 1811
 Aged 63

Joel Loomis
 died
 Feb. 2, 1825
 aged 81

Mrs. Esther Loomis
 is mentioned in the will
 of her father, Simon
 Crocker.

 Mrs. Mary Dorrance also
 is cited in his will.
 She is a daughter of
 Simon Crocker of Lebanon.

At the right of the entrance gate are these two stones:

Mary, wife of
 Gershom Dorrance
 Died
 August 30, 1854
 AE 86 years

SIMON
 Son of Gershom
 &
 Mary Dorrance

died
 July 29, aged
 16 months.

Beside her is the small stone
 of her little baby boy.
 A tall slab lies buried at one
 side of her mound. This is
 probably the stone which marks
 the long waiting place of
 her husband, Gershom Dorrance.
 She was always called "Molly".

 The parents of Mrs. Simon Crocker, sleep in this old cemetery. They
 are Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Richardson. They have well preserved stones.

 It would not cost a great deal of money to restore this place.

CROCKER GRAVE-----STONES.

"Parker Burying Ground"---near Franklin & Bozrah. Memorial Day, 1924

(On Friday Afternoon

Here lies y^e Bo-
dy of A S A son
of Mr. Jabez Crocker, Jun^r,
and Mrs. Mary, his wife
Died
Jan^y ye 4th, A.D. 1760
in the 5th year
of his age

Stone cracked across but
still lying in its place
Footstone firm in place.
In three days! ----XX

XXX--- Here lies y^e Bo--
dy of Charles, son of
Mr. Jabez Crocker, Jun^r,
and Mrs. Mary, his wife
who died
Jan^y 13, 1760
Aetat 3.

This headstone was lying flat
beside its own footstone. In 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
months Death calls again.
XXXX

XXXXX--- In memory of
Charles, son of Mr.
Jabez Crocker, Jun^r,
who died
June 20, 1778
in the 13th year
of his age.

The blessed mother was not there to
weep for this one.. Her name is not
now on the stone.

XX---Here lies y^e Bo--
dy of Eunice
Daughter of Mr.
Jabez Crocker, Jun^r,
& Mrs. Mary, his wife
who died
Jan^y ye 7th, 1760
Aetat 7

Footstone in place but
headstone out of place.
in 6 more days, the Death-
Angel knocks again! Diphtheria
was the scourge raging there.
XXX

XXXX--- In memory of Ruth
Daughter of Mr. Jabez Crocker
Jun^r, and Mrs. Mary Crocker
who died
May 1, 1760, aged 8 years.
5 years later a son is named
Charles and 13 years later
he joins the little Heavenly band.
XXXXX

In memory of
Mrs. Mary---wife of
Mr. Jabez Crocker, Jun^r,
who died, April 10th
1772, in ye 41st year of
her age.

Lieut . Jabez Crocker
Departed this life
June 29, 1785
in the 61st year
of his age.

VERY long
(This ~~stone~~ slab
(lies down on its back
(There is no patriot's
(marker at his grave.

An honest man rare to
(be found
Lies buried here beneath
(this ground)

Whose soul, we trust is
(now above)
Where all is joy--where
(all is love.

This slab is of slate- is half buried. Lettering is cut deep.
Ruth's stone was buried and and nearly gone. Other mounds nearby, where
the stones have disappeared. Stone is deeply buried near Asa.-

(F---extra)

C R O C K E R G R A V E ----- S T O N E S

BESIDE THE GRAVE OF LITTLE ASA CROCKER

In the "Parker Burying Ground", Bozrah, Connecticut,
Memorial Day, 1924.
He died 1780, aged 4 years

Dear, little lad, your mother stood,
And wept for you, and so, I would
Lay flowers now upon your stone,
And for this long neglect atone.

Your far-off-cousin weeps to-day,
She knows if wealth but came her way,
That she would give her tender care,
To graves forgotten everywhere!

The grass keeps vigil, all forlorn
And sheds her tears each dawning morn;
Her face to-day, with dew is wet,
In memory of you, my pet.

The wild-flower blooms and bows its head,
In reverence above the dead-
Yon little bird, in sympathy,
Still chants your mother's lullaby.

Your tiny mound is raised still,
I hope your stone will last, until-
Our Saviour comes to raise the dead,
For He will come, the angel said.

And till He comes, 'tis sweet to know,
That kindly nature here below,
Does not forget to shed her tears,
Though man forgets these many years !

Tribute by J.R.M.

C R O C K E R G R A V E----- S T O N E S"Parker Burying Ground," Continued.

Major William Crocker
died
Oct. 18, 1833
Aged 92 years

In memory of
Andrew M. Crocker
died
Oct. 23, 1857
aged 44 years.

Marble slab tipping badly.
Footstone is in place. No patriot's
Marker is at his grave.

There are many mounds
nearby with no stones to
mark their owners. May be
Crocker stones which have
become buried in the earth.

AT EXETER CEMETERY--about 6 miles from Lebanon, there is a tall
monument erected to the memory of Mr. Ralph Bissell Crocker, who
died in 1911.

"THE PLAIN" Cemetery. An Ancient one at Franklin, Conn.

In memory of
Mrs. Xerviah Hastings,
Consort of Capt.
Joseph Hastings, who
dep. this life
Dec. 20, 1787, in ye
71 year of her age.

In memory of Capt.
Joseph Hastings, who
Dep. this life, Dec.
10, 1787, in ye 77th
year of his age.

Headstone is firm, Footstone
is very loose

Headstone and footstone are
both looseened. Verse very dim.

There are other Hastings stones nearby. No Officers of the Revolution
have markers to their graves. Oftentimes, ~~however~~, they have been placed
and have blown away.

Sacred to the
memory of
Mr. Asa Crocker
Jun^r, who died August
6, 1803, aged 38
years

Remember friends,
you soon will have,
Like me, a mansion in
the grave.

In Hartford at the Center Churchyard, there is a stone which says that
Lucy Crocker, wife of Freeman Crocker, d. 1796, aged 46 years.

"Ye Ancientest Burial Place", New London, Connecticut.

NOTE.--There is a fine record, with pictures, available of this place.

CROCKER GRAVE--- STONES"YE ANCIENTEST BURIAL PLACE", Continued

In memory of Capt.
John Crocker, who died
October 3, 1795
Aged 59 years

William Crocker, son of Mr.
John and Mrs. Elizabeth Crocker
Who died Nov^r 6, A.D.
1772, aged 1 year---6 months.

NOTE. It is a matter of record that Capt. John Crocker, m. Miss Elizabeth Holt, the daughter of William Holt, on Nov. 24, 1765. Miss Caulkins states in her unpublished Mss. that it was William Holt, second, whose daughter married Capt. John Crocker.

Was he the son of William, son of Lieut Wm., son of 1st. Thomas ?

Many stones in this well-cared for cemetery, are broken and lying down. . Many are half buried, others entirely so. Hasten the day when some bright Edison, will invent a sort of X ray machine, which will be rolled over these old cemeteries and reveal the lettering on all of the sunken tombstones !

In her description of this particular cemetery- (and she has left wonderful records of the inscriptions in many in Connecticut-not yet given to the world) she mentions the fact that she can barely make out the lettering on the stone of Mrs. Lucy (Winthrop) Palmes. It has now disappeared forever and one can only conjecture as to the location of her grave, by the description of the graves adjoining, which Miss Caulkins has left. She had copied the stone of the second Mrs. Palmes- Madame Sarah, who she states is sleeping at Saybrook, Ct.

Ancient Cemetery at Norwichtown, Connecticut

To the memory of
Mrs. Amy Crocker
who died
May 12, 1828
Aged 57 years. (Continued)

This is an exceptionally well kept cemetery. Many of the stones, which were fast disintegrating, have been restored and their lettering cut in deeper.

CROCKER GRAVE-----STONESANCIENT CEMETERY AT OLD NORWICHTOWN, Continued.NOTES

In this ancient city of the dead, one meets the names, at every turn, of famous Puritans and Pilgrims. Under the ground, are names which made this country; above the ground, many of these old names are now nowhere to be found- the names have oftentimes died out in the "hole line". This holds true in many a Connecticut and Massachusetts town to-day.

Here in this ancient place sleep the little innocent children of the traitor, Benedict Arnold.

Near one of the entrances, there is a sight which holds the rapt attention of every visitor. In a semi-circle there sleep the bodies of about fifteen or more French soldiers, who gave their lives to the cause of American freedom. ^{At} ~~Above~~ each grave, there waves continuously a French flag !

Perhaps they came in the same ship with General de la Fayette, ~~when~~ when he brought to our aid about 33,000 soldiers and sailors ^(of the Frenchmen) !.

There ~~is~~ a large volume, containing the names and the ^{which} ~~ages~~ and the Province in France, from ^{which} they came, entitled "Les Combatants Francaises De La Guerre Amerique de la Revolution". This huge tome was presented by France to the "Sons of the American Revolution", many years ago. It is indexed by order of Congress. If one counts down the columns, the reader is ~~stunned~~ ^{astounded} beyond measure, by the great number of names of those who came to our aid !

However they got across the ocean, they came, they fought, they died: And old Norwichtown lovingly keeps their memory green !

It is fortunate that a complete record of the stones in this cemetery has been compiled, though it is not yet made available to reading public. It is said there is somewhere a record of the old cemetery which lies in the heart of the town --Norwich proper.

(J)

C R O C K E R G R A V E --- S T O N E S

N O T E S

Very often in these ancient cemeteries, the only marking which was given to the grave, was the two initials of the deceased, cut deep into the footstone . By scraping off the moss and Poison Ivy and the dirt of centuries, one can often discover initials, which otherwise would never ~~be recognized~~ be recognized. Over in Groton, Connecticut James Morgan's grave is marked by a boulder on the side of which are cut two large Initials---J.M.

"C E D A R G R O V E " At New London, Connecticut

This beautifully cared for Cemetery, is called a Modern one, but there are many old graves there. Near the entrance there stand several rows of ancient stones, which have been removed from some other part of the city together with the bodies belonging to them. These old stones are placed side by side. There is a list of every person who was thus removed -- This is a mighty good thing, for many of the stones are ~~fast~~ falling to pieces-the fronts of the old slates and the old Red Sand stones are going fast. There is ^{one} ~~one~~, ^{can interestingly} which might still be saved and restored by cutting deeper- It will soon be too late however .

This is the stone erected to the memory of Samuel Seabury, Jun^r, the son of the Bishop who sleeps in the side yard of the Episcopal Church, in New London. When these stones are gone, how then can the casual visitor know Who is Who in the graveyard ? The visitor can not provide himself with a printed list of the past worthies and "Mighties"! In this cemetery, there are scores by the name of Crocker, but they could not easily be found. In this place is ~~along~~ slab over the remains of ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Joshua Hempstead. There is no printed list available as yet, to the public, of the thousands of dead at Cedar Grove .